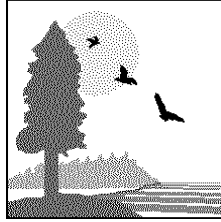


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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY / PUBLIC HEARING
**OF A DRAFT PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT/
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

Pursuant to Section 15085 (d), Title 14, California Code of Regulations, this is to advise that the California State Lands Commission (CSLC) has completed a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment (DPEIR/EA) for the proposed Program described below:

Program Title: Chevron 4H Platform Shell Mounds Disposition

Program Location: Offshore Santa Barbara County at the former sites of Platforms Hazel and Hilda (approximately 1.5 nautical miles [nm] offshore Summerland at water depths of 96 feet and 106 feet respectively) and Platforms Hope and Heidi (approximately 2.6 and 2.5 nm offshore the city of Carpinteria, and about 3 nm southeast of Hazel, at water depths of 137 feet and 126 feet respectively), with potential transport of dredged materials through the Port of Long Beach to a recycling facility near Taft, California.

Program Description: This DPEIR/EA examines seven Program Alternatives for the final disposition of four shell "mounds" (consisting of seafloor sediments and drill muds and cuttings encased in a layer of shells) and remnant Platform Hazel caissons that lie at the Program location.

These Program Alternatives are:

- 1) dredge mounds, cut caissons, and remove all materials;
- 2) level and spread mounds, and cut and remove caissons;
- 3) cap mounds and caissons;
- 4) build reefs over mounds and caissons;
- 5) build reef at Hazel site after (a) dredging or (b) leveling/spreading all four mounds;
- 6) provide offsite mitigation; and
- 7) the "No Project Alternative" (do nothing).

The CSLC is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and has prepared a DPEIR/EA.

A 60-day public review and comment period has been established. Due to the time limits mandated by State law, written comments must be sent, and should be received, by 5 PM on **Friday, February 13, 2004**. Please send your comments at the earliest possible date to **Cy R. Oggins** at the CSLC's address shown on this notice, by fax at (916) 574-1885, or by e-mail at ogginsc@slc.ca.gov (if comments are faxed or sent by e-mail, please also mail a copy to ensure that a clean copy is received). The document is identified as CSLC EIR 718, State Clearinghouse No. 2002061002. The document may be viewed electronically on the CSLC internet website at <http://www.slc.ca.gov>, and a printed copy may be viewed at the following locations:

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Public Hearing:

Pursuant to Section 15087, Title 14, California Code of Regulations (CEQA Guidelines), the CSLC will conduct public meetings to receive oral and written testimony in Santa Barbara at the place and times listed below.

Location: Santa Barbara County Administration Building
Board of Supervisors Conference Room
123 E. Anapamu Street, 4th Floor

Date: **Wednesday, January 28, 2004**

Times: **2:00 – 5:00 PM & 6:00 – 9:00 PM**

Anyone interested in this matter is invited to comment on the document by written response or by personal appearance at the hearings. Persons wishing to appear at the hearings should call (916) 574-1890 so that time can be allotted for such appearance. A sign language interpreter will be provided upon advance notification of need by a deaf or hearing-impaired person. Such notification should be made as soon as possible prior to date of the event.

Potential Significant Impacts on the Environment:

Subject areas for which the PDEIR/EA discusses the potential for significant impacts on the environment are: Air Quality; Marine Water Quality and Sediment Quality; Marine Benthic Habitats, Invertebrates, and Fishes; Marine Wildlife; Commercial and Recreational Fishing; and Safety/Hazards/Risk of Upset.

Contact: Cy Oggins, Staff Environmental Scientist, (916) 574-1884 or ogginsc@slc.ca.gov.

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